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#### METHODS OF PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION

42 CFR 431.53 Transportation includes expenses for transportation and other related travel expenses determined to be necessary to enable a recipient to obtain a medically necessary health service in accordance with 42 CFR 440.170.

Transportation may be furnished by a provider to whom a direct vendor payment can be made.

Transportation provided by an unlicensed vendor must be prior authorized.

The following transportation services are not provided:

- Transportation services provided so recipients can obtain a service which is not a health service. A health service is one which is paid by medical assistance.
- Ambulance service in cases where another means of transportation would have sufficed.

#### ACCESS TO MEDICALLY NECESSARY SERVICES

The local agency shall ensure that a service listed in items A to C is available to a recipient to enable the recipient to obtain medically necessary health services as required under Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0140. The local agency shall pay directly for these services and may charge them to the medical assistance program administrative account for reimbursement. The services are:

A. Transportation by volunteer driver, common carrier, contract for service, or direct mileage reimbursement at 20 cents per mile, to the recipient or the recipient's driver.

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### ACCESS TO MEDICALLY NECESSARY SERVICES, continued

Parking fees must be reimbursed at actual cost.

B. Meals and lodging necessary to obtain health services. Direct payment or reimbursement to a vendor or to the recipient for the cost of the recipient's meals and lodging are as follows:

- no more than \$5.50 for breakfast;
- no more than \$6.50 for lunch; or
- no more than \$8.00 for dinner; and
- no more than \$50.00 per day for lodging (unless prior authorized by the local agency)

C. Meals, lodging, and transportation costs of a responsible relative or other person to accompany or be present with the recipient at the site of health services. When a responsible relative or another individual is needed to accompany the recipient or to be present with the recipient at the site of health services, the accompanying individual must be reimbursed for the cost of their meals, transportation, and lodging based on the standard for the recipient in item B, above.

### LOCAL AGENCY PROCEDURE TO ENSURE ACCESS

Within 90 days after the first day of January, 1987, and every two years thereafter, the local agency shall submit to the Department a transportation plan that specifies the means the local agency will use to meet the transportation requirements. The Department shall review the plan and advise the local agency whether it meets current state and federal requirements. The local agency shall inform a recipient of the county's transportation plan. A local agency may require prior approval of the payments of costs if exceptions are made for emergencies and retroactive eligibility.

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#### LOCAL AGENCY PROCEDURE TO ENSURE ACCESS TO HEARINGS

Local agencies shall reimburse applicants and recipients for reasonable and necessary expenses for their attendance at a hearing held pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 9505.0130, subpart 1. Reasonable and necessary expenses can include child care and transportation costs.

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Transportation may be furnished by a provider to whom a direct vendor payment can be made.

Transportation provided by a non-licensed vendor must be prior authorized.

The following transportation services are not provided:

- Transportation services provided so recipients can obtain routine services determined by the local agency not to be medically necessary.
- Ambulance service in cases where another means of transportation would have sufficed.

## ACCESS TO MEDICALLY NECESSARY SERVICES

The local agency shall ensure that a service listed in items A to C is available to a medical assistance recipient to enable the recipient to obtain a medically necessary health service as required under Minnesota Rule 9505.0140. The local agency shall pay directly for these services and may charge them to the medical assistance program administrative account for reimbursement. The services are:

- A. Transportation by volunteer driver, common carrier, contract for service, or direct mileage reimbursement to the recipient or the recipient's driver. The mileage reimbursement must be the amount per mile allowed on the most recent federal income tax return for actual miles driven for business purposes. Parking fees must be reimbursed at actual cost.
- B. Meals and lodging necessary to obtain health services. Direct payment or reimbursement to a vendor or to the recipient for the cost of the recipient's meals and lodging necessary to obtain health services eligible for medical assistance reimbursement must be the lesser of the actual cost of the lodging and meals or the standard for lodging and meals established under Minnesota Statutes, section 43A.18, subdivision 2 for certain public employees.

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- C. Meals, lodging, and transportation costs of a responsible relative or other person to accompany or be present with the recipient at the site of health services. When a responsible relative or another individual is needed to accompany the recipient or to be present with the recipient at the site of a health service, the accompanying individual must be reimbursed for the cost of his or her meals, transportation, and lodging based on the standard for the recipient.

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#### LOCAL AGENCY PROCEDURE TO ENSURE ACCESS TO HEARINGS

A local agency shall reimburse applicants and recipients for reasonable and necessary expenses for their attendance at hearings held pursuant to Minnesota Rules 9505.0130, subpart 1, such as child care and transportation costs.

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